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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement - Just Say No!

As a member of the computing community at large, I have to say I cannot agree with this settlement. It leaves too much power in the hands of Microsoft, and still leaves them with the leeway to continue to crush any other program that happens to get in their way. I believe in healthy competition, not the wanton destruction of companies that just might happen to have something that isn't Windows-friendly. As an avid Netscape user, I have frequently known microsoft products and microsoft sponsored websites to crash my system if I'm using Netscape, and the PFJ completely fails to prohibit intentional incompatibilities historically used by Microsoft. That's just one many of my complaints against Microsoft in general, but having been a web programmer in the past, it's one of my more vocal objections.

Please do not allow this to pass. Microsoft needs far more restrictions placed upon it before I will even begin to think that it has ceased to attempt to crush the rest of the computing world. Like the Bell monopoly, MS needs to be taken down, or eventually there will be nothing else left. And once there is no more competition, MS would no longer need to attempt to improve their product, leaving the public with a substandard product (which is what I consider it currently to be), and no way to improve.

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